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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

At its meeting of December, 2001, the Board of Regents acted as follows:

Approval is granted for the request from Nicholls State University to establish an Associate of Science in Chemistry Laboratory Technology program (CIP Code 41.0301), effective from January 1, 2002 through August 15, 2005. As plans are to eventually transfer this program to River Parishes Community College by the date above, beginning June 1, 2002 and on that date thereafter through June 1, 2005, River Parishes Community College shall submit an annual progress report to the Commissioner of Higher Education documenting progress to date toward acquiring the necessary infrastructure needed to offer the program. Upon receipt of the 2005 report, the Board of Regents shall determine whether River Parishes Community College is ready to assume full program control; if not, the program shall be automatically terminated.

STAFF SUMMARY

The program has not proven to be a great success at Nicholls; only one student graduated over the past three years, and only four students are currently enrolled. The University has already voluntarily closed enrollment to new students. River Parishes Community College has indicated that it has no interest in the program.

Hence, the staff recommends immediate termination.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

The staff recommends that the Academic and Student Affairs Committee terminate the A.S. program in Chemical Technology (CIP Code 41.0301) at Nicholls State University, effective immediately. No new students may be enrolled in this program and all current students shall be afforded an appropriate opportunity to complete their program of studies in a reasonable period of time.